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For: **METHOD FOR ALLOCATING RADIO COMMUNICATION RESOURCES AND NETWORK UNIT ASSOCIATED WITH A MULTI-CARRIER RADIO COMMUNICATION SYSTEM**

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure provisions of 37 CFR § 1.56, there is hereby provided certain information which the Examiner may consider material to the examination of the subject U.S. patent application. It is requested that the Examiner make this information of record if it is deemed material to the examination of the subject application.

1. Enclosures accompanying this Information Disclosure Statement are:

- 1a. Form PTO-1449.
- 1b. Copy(ies) of IDS citation(s), except for U.S. Patents and U.S. Patent Application publications.
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- 1e. Explanations of Relevancy of References (ATTACHMENT 1(e), hereto) for providing a concise explanation of non-English publications.
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- 1g. List of Additional Submitted Documents (ATTACHMENT 1(g), hereto).

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EXPLANATIONS OF RELEVANCY OF REFERENCES	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	APPLICATION NO.
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German Patent 197 23 090 A1 (Reference AC) was cited in the International Search Report for International Application PCT/EP2004/051563 mailed March 18, 2005.

German Patents 198 00 953 C1 and 198 20 684 A1 (References AD and AD, respectively) were cited in the June 24, 2004 Office Action from the German Patent and Trade Mark Office for which an English translation is provided.

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The following document(s) is/are listed in accordance with the duty of disclosure provisions of 37 CFR § 1.56, so that the Examiner may consider same should he deem any thereof to be material to examination of the subject application.

It is requested that the Examiner acknowledge his consideration of document(s) below-listed by initialling same in the space provided adjacent each such application and that the Examiner sign and date this form at the bottom thereof to confirm such consideration having been given.

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